



PHYSICIAN ON SCENE

I. PURPOSE

To establish criteria for an advanced emergency medical technician (AEMT), and paramedic (EMT-P) during situations in which a physician is physically present at the scene of a 9-1-1 response.

II. POLICY

Medical responsibility for patient care is the responsibility of the Base Station physician. Within the ICEMA region, an AEMT or EMT-P may only follow medical orders given by the Base Station physician or MICN.

III. PROCEDURE

In the event that an AEMT or EMT-P arrives at the scene of a medical or a trauma emergency and a physician on scene wishes to direct the care of the patient and assume medical responsibility for the patient, the following conditions apply:

- The physician must be informed that base hospital contact must be made, and the final decision regarding the assumption of medical responsibility for patient care will be made by the base hospital physician.
- The physician must show proper identification and a current California physician's license.
- The physician must agree to sign the patient care report agreeing to take full responsibility for the care and treatment of the patient(s) involved in the incident and accompanies the patient(s) in the ambulance to the most appropriate receiving facility. This statement is available on the ICEMA e-PCR. EMS providers using software not totally integrated with ICEMA software must provide a form stating the above and obtaining physician signature.
- Care of the patient must be transferred to a physician at the receiving facility.

AEMT and EMT-P RESPONSIBILITIES

The AEMT or EMT-P has the following responsibilities in the event that the physician on scene assumes responsibility for patient care:

- Notify base hospital that a physician has requested to take over patient.

- Maintain control of drugs and equipment from the LALS or ALS unit. Inform the physician of drugs and equipment available.
- Offer assistance to the physician on scene. The AEMT or EMT-P may only perform procedures that are within the ICEMA scope of practice.
- Document on patient care report all necessary information and obtain physician signature.